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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention:

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Description of the Related Art:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a graph showing the percentage of metal fixed to resin as a function of the duration of treatment;

FIG. 2 is a graph showing the percent metal ions fixed as a function of the duration of treatment;

FIG. 3 is a graph depicting the percentage of metal ions fixed to resin as a function of the duration of treatment;

FIG. 4 is a graph which shows the percentage of metal fixed to Diphonix® resin as a function of the duration of treatment;

FIG. 5 is a graph showing the percentage of metal fixed to S-940 resin; and

FIG. 6 is a graph showing the percentage of metal fixed to C467 resin.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 10 as follows:

The percentage of metal fixed to the resin as a function of the duration of treatment is represented in ~~graph~~ Fig. 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 as follows:

The percentage of metal ions fixed as a function of the duration of treatment is represented in ~~graphs~~ Figs. 2 and 3 for the resin S940 and C467 respectively.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 9 as follows:

The results obtained with an Eichrom Diphonix® resin, the Purolite S-940 resin and the Röhm & Haas C467 resin are represented respectively by ~~the graphs~~ Figs. 4, 5 and 6.